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4TH GRADERS' SCORE HIGHEST IN ENTIRE STATE

Elba students score high on SAT

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Students enrolled in the Elba school system are in the spotlight with their outstanding SAT test scores. The 4th and 8th grade students at Elba Elementary School took the test during the past school year and both groups scored well above the state and national average. The fourth grade scores were the highest in the entire state, according to records from the state department of education.

96% of the fourth grade students taking the test exceeded the state and national averages in reading while none of them scored below average. 88% of the eighth grade students taking the test met or exceeded the state and national averages in reading.

Both groups exceeded the national averages in mathematics and language also.

Teachers and administrators in the elementary school are already addressing teacher workshops with the local success story.

Elba school board members met in special session recently to hear Federal Programs Coordinator John C. Windham and Assistant Principal Judy Killingsworth explain the steps taken which allowed the students to score so well.

Killingsworth recapped with board members a report she made to the state superintendent of education

on the actions taken which had an impact on the SAT scores:

(1) The school utilized a computer program that correlates remediation to SAT skills. This means the students could work on individual level needs and stay with a particular problem until they understood it completely.

(2) Material specially designed to get students "Scoring High" were used to help the students prepare for the exams.

"It ain't gonna end right if we don't start right," Pearce said.

(3) Additional training aids to help students learn the necessary math skills are being utilized in the teaching program.

(4) Special efforts were placed on keeping teachers positively motivated and getting this motivation passed on to the students. Killingsworth credited this positive attitude and the working together of all the elementary teachers for a large part of the success.

(5) Changes were made in the Chapter 1 reading program in grades K-3 by better use of aides to provide more small group concentration in the classroom. This gives teachers more one-on-one time with those students who are behind or struggling to stay at grade level. It ultimately raises the overall learning level for all students in the class.

Superintendent Charles Pearce has repeated told board members and classroom teachers alike that it is important to teach the basics to the students at the K-3 level. He says if students are expected to learn and compete on a national level, it is an absolute must that they get these basics early in the education cycle.

Pearce said to the board, "I told our teachers three years ago, 'It ain't gonna end right if we don't start right.'" He noted this is beginning to pay off as indicated in the test scores and, "I give the staff full credit."

Pearce added that the teachers and administrators were not doing everything perfectly right, but they are obviously doing some good things.

All three educators said this redoubled effort to teach the basics must follow through all the way to the 12th grade if all students are to get the education they deserve and taxpayers are to get the educated adults they are paying for.

Board member Eddie Kelley said, "I applaud these efforts. We must emphasize the positive."

Board Member Bob Robertson emphasized the need for more tools to identify weaknesses in time to correct them.

Fourth and eighth students were treated to a pizza party to celebrate their outstanding SAT scores.



SEAT BELTS DO IT AGAIN... The automobile accident pictured above could have been a lot worse than it was had it not been for seat belts AND THEIR BEING USED!! Monica Barton, age 19, of Route 5, Elba, was on her way to work when she lost control of her car on a rain-slick highway. The 1988 Chevrolet Beretta which she was driving left the pavement, flipped twice and landed upright as shown above. Every window in the car was broken out. It is quite possible that had Ms. Barton not had her seat belt fastened, she would have been thrown out of the car and seriously injured - if not killed. As it was, she was able to unfasten her seat belt and exit the vehicle on her own. Monica was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad where she was treated and remained overnight for observation. The accident was investigated by Elba Police Officer Johnny Senn.

Norris joins sheriff's department

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

It's official, Patrick Ray Norris, is now an investigator with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Norris actually began his duties with the department on Friday, July 1st, but was not officially sworn in by Sheriff Mickey Counts until Tuesday morning.

In 1986, investigator Norris began his career in law enforcement as a radio dispatcher with the Elba Police Department.

After working as a dispatcher with the department for two years, he attended the police academy and became a certified police officer. He began his duties as a patrolman in 1988.

For the past 2 to 2½ years, Norris has worked in the investigative division of the Elba Police Department. Sheriff Counts stated that he is very pleased to have Norris as a member of his staff.

"His prior training, experience, and knowledge of the county will certainly be an added asset to the sheriff's department," said Counts.

Chief Deputy Ben Moates said, "I've known Pat for a very long time and feel that he will be very beneficial to the sheriff's department."

"He will bring a different aspect, new ideas and new ways of doing things to the department."

"Fresh ideas are always good," added Moates.

Norris, in assuming his duties with the sheriff's department, will be joining Chief Investigator Leslie Hussey.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY... for Norris held Tuesday morning at the sheriff's office. Pictured above are (l-r): Sheriff Mickey Counts, Investigator Patrick Norris, and Chief Deputy Ben Moates.

Hussey recently assumed his duties as chief investigator with the sheriff's department after the resignation of Paul Goldsmith.

Norris' father, Ray Norris, served as chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department under the late Sheriff Neil Grantham.

He also began his career in law enforcement with the Elba Police Department.

Investigator Norris and his wife, Julie, reside in Elba.

New Brockton applies for grant

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The New Brockton Town Council, meeting in special session Monday, June 27, passed a resolution applying for a \$11,729.00 grant.

The grant will cover the cost of having the ordinances codified, and also the expense of micro-filming any and all financial records, minutes and ordinances of the town.

Funds will also cover the purchase of a plain paper reader and copier so that the micro-film can be read and printed as needed.

The town will be responsible for 25 percent - \$2,933.00 - of the total grant.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Kathryn Holley reminded the council that in March, they had approved accepting bids to have the town's ordinances copied and printed in a permanent binder.

Linda Dillow, city clerk, advised council members that from all the information she was able to obtain, the cost of the project would be in the neighborhood of \$7,500.

Prior to asking for bids, Dillow received information from the Alabama Department of Archives and History that grants were available to municipalities for the preservation of records of a permanent nature.

The city clerk pursued the matter and sought the advice and council of Ewing, Conner & Associates who in turn prepared a request for the Town of New Brockton to apply for a grant.

The council, without hesitation, unanimously gave its approval to proceed with the grant application. Dillow estimates that by obtaining the grant, the town will save approximately \$2,000.00.

Also, "We'll be getting more than what was going to be obtained through a bid with the city footing the whole bill!" Dillow said.

In addition to the \$2,933 matching funds, the town will have to pay \$2,500 for the research work involved in preparing the ordinances for print.

It will also be responsible for the cost of having the grant application prepared which is \$400.

Dillow stated that this is just another step in the right direction to bring the town into the 20th Century.



FAMILIAR SCENE around Elba, Coffee County and the entire Wiregrass area during the past weekend and into the first part of the week. Electrical crews for every electric department worked long, hard hours overcoming the damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto and restoring electrical power to thousands of homes and businesses. While there was no major damage attributed to the storm, that was of little consolation to those without electric power or to the men braving the wind and rain to restore that electricity.

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Contract awarded on U.S. Hwy. 84E & AL Hwy 189N

The Alabama Department of Transportation would like to inform motorists that Wiregrass Construction Company, Ozark, Alabama has been awarded the contract for resurfacing U.S. 84 and Davis Street in Elba, planning and resurfacing AL #87 from Jct. of U.S. 84 and AL #87 in Elba to south end of Pea Creek Bridge, and widening and resurfacing AL #189 from Jct. of AL #189 and AL #87 in Elba to a point north of Elba city limits. The work order was issued on June 13, 1994. Therefore, construction is anticipated to begin in the next few days. Another news release will be issued when the exact date construction will begin is known.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Bo Burks, Contractor Superintendent, Wiregrass Construction Co., telephone (205) 774-1107; Mr. Steve Stokes, Project Engineer, Alabama Department of Transportation, telephone (205) 393-2876; Mr. Lomax Fulford, District Engineer, Alabama Department of Transportation, telephone (205) 347-8166.

Special Council and W&E Board meetings called

On Tuesday, The Elba Clipper received notice via of the fax machine that two "special called" meetings, one of the city council and the other of the water & electric board, had been announced.

The city council was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. According to the fax message, the meeting was to be "concerning the general operations of the city."

Elba Water & Electric Board members were notified of a special called meeting to be held on Thursday (today), July 7, at 5:30 p.m. No agenda or reason was given in the fax as to why the meeting had been called.

Both meetings will be held at city hall in the council chamber.

**** HAPPENINGS ****

STORY HOUR The New Seasons Study Club will sponsor a story hour at the Elba Public Library on Thursdays, July 14, 21, & 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children, ages 3 through those who have completed kindergarten, are invited to attend.

WORKSHOP A Think!! Write!! Workshop for interested students in grades 2-9 will be held at the Elba Elementary School on July 25 through July 29. Teachers may participate in the workshop also. The workshop will meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 12:00 noon. A fee of \$40 will be charged. For additional information call the Elba Elementary School @ 897-2814.

FARMER'S MARKET The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites all gardeners to share their produce during the growing season. A Farmer's Market is available for set up on the north side of the square each Saturday morning through the growing season.

COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 11, 1994. The Commission meets in the Community Room located in the Farm Center Complex at New Brockton.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Soccer games in Columbia are serious business. When that country lost to the U.S. last week by a score of 2-1, a star player for the losing team was shot dead on the streets. It seems the thugs were giving him credit for the loss because of a mistake he made on the playing field. If we start killing sports figures because of mistakes, it will not take long to eliminate sports. Mistakes are part of any game and the best of heroes make mistakes. We suspect gambling was involved. Maybe it was a big bet by professionals or just some nut who bet next week's paycheck and lost or worse ... the player was somehow involved and didn't do as he was told.

Tropical storm Alberto didn't do a lot of damage last weekend, relatively speaking. However, we don't suggest you say that around any of the electrical linemen of the Elba Water and Electric Board. Those men took it out in that weather all day Sunday and into the wee hours of the morning. The same faithful workers were "back in the saddle" again at 7 a.m. Monday morning when most folks were enjoying the July 4th holiday.

Troy, Alabama experienced another drive-by shooting death last week. Reports are that these things are part of an ongoing battle between a gang and some Troy State students. Some of that must be true, because two Troy State students were arrested for the shooting. One of those charged in last week's killing told a Montgomery newspaper earlier this year that gang members were harassing Black college students.

We are on record supporting recycling ... both as a money saver and to protect the environment for our children and grandchildren. We don't see a lot of positive action right around here but in other places recycling is serious business. We saw a TV special on Project Green (or something) during the holiday weekend and two items stuck out. Construction companies are beginning to recycle and report big savings from things such as re-grinding old concrete building materials for use in fresh concrete. Also there is a California college professor who has NO garbage from his home ... he recycles everything! This means he reuses plastic bags, composts all food scraps, etc. We like that and challenge our readers to do half as well. Elba does recycle cardboard from businesses. A number of homeowners have found places to recycle newspapers, glass and plastic. We salute them for the effort.

The newspapers report something to reassure us that the environment can be saved. The bald eagle has come off the endangered list, due to laws passed 20 years ago and dedicated work of many people. Of course the recycling we mentioned above will play a large part in this effort.

Your local friendly dentist says, floss, floss, floss. However sales of dental floss in a Charleston, West Virginia prison have stopped after a very patient inmate braided an escape rope using dental floss. We wonder if it is better to use plain or waxed floss for this purpose?

The Tonya Harding saga may now be over. The U. S. Figure Skating Association stripped her of the January 8th national championship. They banned her from the association for life. Now she will have nothing to do and act in movies ... or maybe open a skating school for those who need to learn how to act tough.

Washington lawmakers continue to work toward some form of universal health coverage. Florida lawmakers have taken several stabs at this and ain't done it yet. The real difference may be that the feds don't really have to have the extra money, or even tax us for it ... they just have a low estimate of the total cost of a program and then run the printing presses a few extra hours each week.

Marvin McIlwain Says:

THANK YOU!!!

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Marvin McIlwain, 1138 Elm Ave., Elba, AL

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THIRD - Will It Build GOOD WILL And BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
FOURTH - Will It Be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of June 28, 1994 through July 4, 1994.

They were: Matthew Lee, Shane Barnhill, Cola Canley, Haley Ellis, Dennis Kelly, Judy Martin, Traci Bludworth, Clemmie Williamson, William Strong, Robert Whitley, Eric Culver, Frances Ludyne Chandler, Hugo Smith, Clyde Daughtry, John Grimes, Pamela Sondergard, Kathy Weeks, Gladys Oghum, Syble Mann, Bobby Bryan, Otis Arrington, and Mila Boswell.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Margie Harrison, Christopher Parrish, William Twilley, Judy Martin, Dennis Kelly, Wanda Messick, Cola Canley, Traci Bludworth, Regina Reed, Jimmy Thigpen, Shane Barnhill, William Strong, Lucille Stackhouse, Rebekah Sanders, Haley Ellis, Ma-thew Lee, Robert Whitley, Davis Hughes, Bobby Bryan, and Robert Whitley.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 28 Thru JULY 4, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, July 28, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, two assaults, one burglary, two criminal mischiefs, one accident investigation, one theft, one reckless endangerment, one harassing communication, and one menacing.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for expired driver's license, three for speeding, four for expired tag, two for driver's license required, four for no driver's license, one for driver's license suspended, and two for revoked driver's license.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment and one for criminal mischief.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 - Wreck on Martin Luther King Drive (9:23 a.m.); Wreck on Stouidemie Street

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,

Thank you very much for printing the press release. It really meant a great deal to my family and friends.

I still have very special memories of you and the people of Elba. The three years I spent at the Elba Band Director were wonderful. In fact, I still have a copy of the article you ran on the Peach Bowl in 1991.

I have accepted the position of Director of Music Education for the Midfield, Alabama school system and will begin work with them in July. It's one of the systems in Birmingham, so big city here we come.

Thanks again and my very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,
Bill Hickman

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

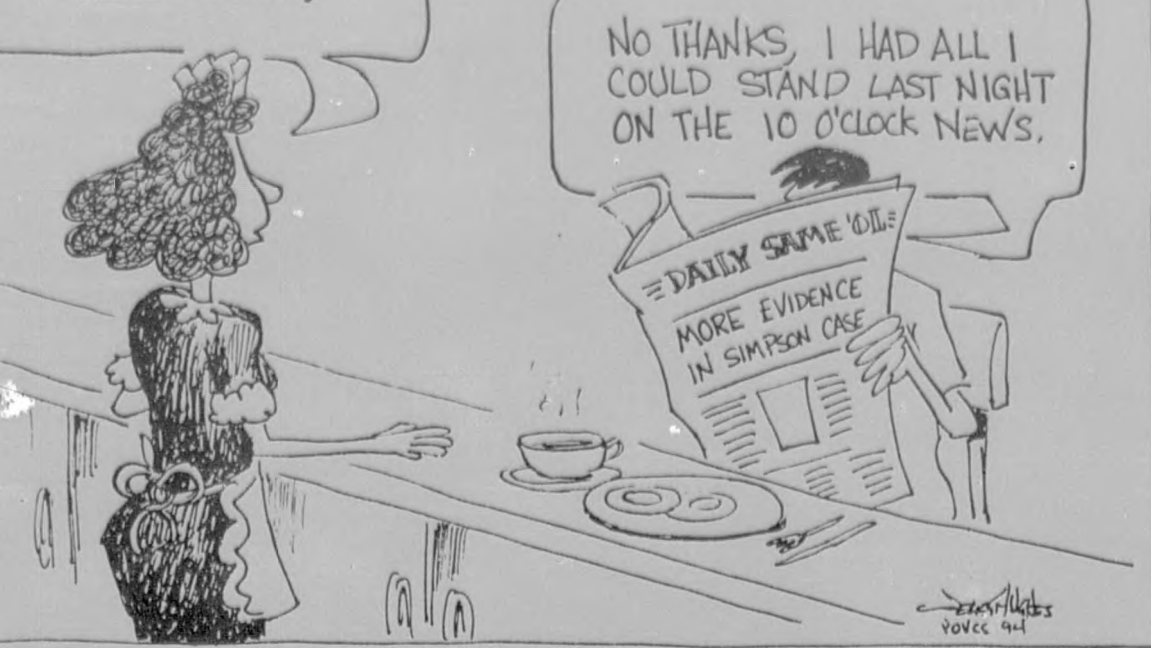
The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether or not they are of your own, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

SS. REP. - Court House, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30
CUL. FREE - 1:00-7:15
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - Pine Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINIST. ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tues. 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Tues. 8:30 p.m. - Sup. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3838
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AAAF - Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Unadvised

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Wanted: Surgeon General Who Cares About America

About a week ago, I joined 86 other Republican members of Congress in writing the President's letter for the resignation of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders.

Dr. Elders has been the subject of widespread criticism, lately for her insensitive remarks about Seniors before the Senate where she suggested that there should be more federal spending on AIDS rather than on cancer and heart disease.

Her reasoning? "We know AIDS is a ravaging disease in our country that is destroying our bright, young people... most of the people who die with heart disease and cancer are our elderly population, you know, and we will probably die with something sooner or later."

Here are the full texts of our letter to the President and the White House response.

Our Letter — "Dear Mr. President: Throughout her careers, Dr. Elders has repeatedly made remarks and taken stands outside the mainstream of American thought. In contrast to previous Surgeons General, she has not chosen to utilize her position to advance the general health and welfare of all Americans, but rather to advocate views directly opposite to the majority of Americans."

"Most recently, Dr. Elders denounced the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America for their alleged discriminatory policies against homosexuals. Not only were her comments offensive in mischaracterizing the policies of the Girl Scouts, but they also displayed an inexplicable hostility to two of the most valuable character-building institutions in this Nation."

"In the past, Dr. Elders has also recommended that the United States legal narcotics statutes that 'tell every girl when she goes out on a date — put a condom in her purse,' and condemned those opposed to

abortion for 'their love affair with the fetus.'"

"Whether one agrees with these statements or not, and I suspect that the majority of Americans do not, they clearly serve to divide Americans rather than unite us behind our common interest in public health and welfare. This is directly contrary to the role that the Surgeon General should perform for the country."

"There are many outstanding individuals who could perform this important role without sending America's children messages that do not reflect the values of most Americans. We ask you to request the resignation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders and hope that you nominate a Surgeon General dedicated to bringing Americans together behind our common values and interests."

White House — "Dear Representative Everett: Thank you for your letter regarding recent comments made by Dr. Joycelyn Elders. As you noted, the Surgeon General has challenged the consensus surrounding several controversial issues. Dr. Elders is, however, attempting to accomplish the task of the Surgeon General, and we believe that her health and welfare of all Americans, but rather to advocate views directly opposite to the majority of Americans."

Clearly, Dr. Elders speaks for the Administration as she performs her duties to the satisfaction of the President.

Thus far, he seems to be pleased with her performance. Are you?

STOP SHOP

ELBA CLIPPER CLASSIFIEDS

Thank You,
The voters of
Coffee County

Your naming me as your Democratic nominee to the Alabama House of Representatives is accepted with great humility.

Ceina and I appreciate the vote of confidence we received last Tuesday. Your friendship and the warmth you continue to exhibit means much to us.

Again, may God be with you and ...

Thanks a Million!

Terry Spicer

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Terry Spicer Campaign, Kenneth Calhoun Chairman, P.O. Box 421, Elba, AL 36323



David Williams, Business Manager of WDHN TV-18, donates a much needed fax machine to the Enterprise office of the Coffee/Geneva County United Way. Pictured above are Jeanne Buxton (right), Area Manager of Coffee/Geneva County United Way, and David Williams of WDHN.

Zola Meek honored with 93rd Birthday Celebration

Miss Zola Meek celebrated her 93rd birthday on June 23, 1994. Miss Zola was given a surprise birthday luncheon by her family and

Aretha Wright joins Army Reserve Delayed Training Program

Aretha Wright, a senior at Elba High School, has joined the U.S. Army Reserve's Delayed Training Program, according to Sgt. 1st Class William Watson with the Army Recruiting office in Enterprise.

Wright elected to train as a Unit Supply Specialist. She also chose to participate in the Montgomery G.I. Bill which will guarantee money for her education. She will receive basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Ft. Lee, Virginia.

She is the daughter of Gladys Wright who resides in Elba.

Swimming lessons available at Hawkins-Williams Park pool

The City of Elba Recreation Department will be sponsoring swimming lessons for ages 3 through 7 years beginning on July 11, 1994 and ending July 22, 1994. These lessons will be at the Hawkins-Williams pool. The time for the lessons will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for the lessons. Please pre-register your children either at the pool during pool hours or at city hall.

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Dear Friends,

I am very grateful for your vote and support during my campaign for Sheriff of Coffee County. I have truly enjoyed meeting and talking to so many of you. My family and I feel we have made friendships that will stay with us forever.

Thank You,

R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth

Pd. Pol. Adv. By R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth, 756 Smith Ave., Elba, AL 36323

Surprise Birthday Party honors Mrs. Judi Martin recently

A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. Judi Martin on Sunday, July 3rd at the home of her aunt and uncle, Ed and Anne Tucker. Judi was celebrating her 41st birthday. Lunch was served, along with a large birthday cake.

Training Sessions offered at ESJC

Business owners, you can ask Enterprise State Junior College to design a course (credit and noncredit) to meet employee training needs for your business or organization. Given a sufficient number of students, we could offer the course at the business site. Also, additional courses are available to meet continuing education needs. Examples include professional development programs for accountants, nurses, realtors, supervisors and others to enable participants to update knowledge and skills, meet licensing and certification requirements, and earn continuing education units. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to let us know your education and training needs.

United States Postal Service Is accepting applications

The United States Postal Service is accepting applications for processing, distribution and delivery positions in the Post Office at Elba, Alabama 36323.

All eligibilities previously established will be canceled upon receipt of the new examination results. Therefore, all applicants must re-apply and compete in the new examination to re-establish eligibility.

Submit applications between July 11, 1994 and July 15, 1994. A qualification for postal employment is to be drug-free. This is determined through the use of an urinalysis drug screen. Applicants who qualify on the examination and are in the area of consideration for employment will be scheduled for the drug test.

All applicants will be required to take a written examination. The examination and completion of forms will require approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

At the time of the examination, the applicant may select any of all of the seven different jobs listed. Job choices include city carrier; clerk; dist. clerk; machine; flat sorting; machine operator; mail handler; mail processor; mark up clerk. Salaries range from \$10.28 an hour to \$18.03 an hour.

Applications are available from and can be submitted to your local post office. Applicants will be notified of the date, time, and place of the examination and will be sent material to prepare for the examination.

Alberto causes power outages

Tropical storm Alberto blew trees into power lines and dumped about 5 inches of rain on an already soggy South Alabama Sunday. As a result, about 8,000 Covington Electric Cooperative consumers in the Babie, Onycha, Kinston, Samson, Enterprise and Elba areas were left without power for a few hours.

The co-op began receiving power outage reports at about 2:00 p.m. Sunday. With the ground already soggy from this year's excessive rainfall, the trees couldn't hold up to Alberto's wind.

A tree blew across a major transmission line to the Kinston substation, resulting in about 2,100 co-op consumers losing power for a few hours. Substations contain equipment for controlling the flow of electricity from supplier to user. Loss of power at a substation results in more widespread outages than loss of power to random lines.

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TOP FARM-CITY AWARD. Bob Helms, left, 1993 Coffee County Farm-City Committee chairman, and recently retired Coffee County Extension Agent Dan Prosser display a stack of plaques and a trophy. The Coffee County committee picked up when it was named the best 1993 Farm-City Committee in Alabama in Division I, which includes counties with populations of 35,000-plus. The awards were presented to the group by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama during ceremonies April 5 in Birmingham. In the competition, the Coffee County committee claimed the title of best overall by finishing first in the categories of Farm-City tour, media coverage and civic club activities and second in the Farm-City dinner category. Doug Rigney, associate executive director of the Alabama Farmers Federation, is chairman of the Farm-City Committee of Alabama.

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Social Notes

Locklar-Pyron Wedding planned for July 23rd



Miss Dawn Locklar

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Locklar and Mrs. Betty Locklar of Goshen announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dawn Locklar, to Ben Pyron, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Pyron of Glenwood.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Collier Locklar and the late Hershel Locklar and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sims of Goshen.

She is a 1994 graduate of Goshen High School and will attend Troy State University in the fall. She is employed by Winn Dixie.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pyron of Glenwood and the late Grover Rushing and Susie Rushing of Glenwood.

He is a 1993 graduate of Goshen High School and is employed by Shaw Industries in Andalusia.

The wedding will be July 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Henderson Baptist Church in Henderson. All friends and family are invited to attend.

ESJC Youth College to be held July 25-29

Students in grades 3-8 are encouraged to enroll now for the Enterprise State Junior College Youth College to be held on the ESJC campus July 25-29. Some of the classes to choose from are "From Irked to Amused" (a weight training class), "Sensational Silk Screening" and "Money Madness". Parents must register their children in person and pay a \$20 fee per class at the time of registration. Children can also register for three classes for a reduced rate of \$50 and receive a free T-shirt. To get a list of all classes offered, and for more information about attending Youth College, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.



Kit Johnson

Kit Johnson celebrates 2nd birthday

Kit Johnson will turn two years old on Friday, July 8, 1994. He is the son of Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino. His grandparents are Guy and Sue Johnson of Enterprise and Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino. Kit has an older sister, Susie, who is 9 1/2 years old, and an older brother, Tony, who is 8 years old.

Pictured Left to Right: Mrs. Gary Allen, Mrs. George M. Bowers, Jr., Miss Tiffany Tew-Honoree, and Mrs. Ronnie Bass.

Miss Tiffany Tew honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Tiffany Tew, bride-elect of Jamie Bass, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on June 26, 1994, at the home of Mrs. Gary Allen, 347-3806. The front door was adorned with a heart and white wedding bell arrangement with ribbons.

The guest registry was located at the entrance of the home. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Gary Allen, who presented them to the honoree, Miss Tiffany Tew; Mrs. George M. Bowers, Jr., mother of the bride-elect; and Mrs. Ronnie Bass, mother of the groom-elect.

The dining room table was covered with a Battenburg lace cloth and laden with finger foods served from silver appointments. The guests were invited to view the many lovely gifts on display in the bedroom and study. The rooms were decorated with beautiful arrangements of roses from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cowen.

The hostesses for this special occasion were Mrs. Maynard Manning, Mrs. Lance K. Dyess, Mrs. Carroll H. Flowers, Ms. Dianne Boutwell, Mrs. Perry Wilson, Mrs. Mike McGuire, Mrs. Malcolm Pippin, Mrs. Daniel Stephens, Mrs. Mark Calbert Mills, Mrs. Al Smith, Mrs. Pippin, Mrs. Ricky Bowers, Mrs. Tony Bowers, Mrs. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Charlotte Parker, Mrs. Keith Lewis, Jerald Boland and Mrs. Gary Allen.

Tickets are available at TSU's Adams Center Box Office, TICKET-LINK locations and at the Davis Theatre. For credit card orders, please call (205) 347-1700. For tickets to the Montgomery performance, write the Davis Theatre at P.O. Box 2226, Montgomery, AL 36102, or call (205) 241-9567.

Based on the Old Testament story of Joseph, Jacob's favorite son, composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyricist Tim Rice bring a 20th century twist to this ageless story.

Told entirely in song, Webber and Rice combine rock, country, vaudeville, French ballad and cabaret to tell the story of Joseph's life after his 11 brothers sell him into slavery.

The show is characterized by its musical variety. Its vivid imagery, including a spectacular light show, special effects and extravagant costumes, blend well with emotional song and dance routines.

From the musical's opening scene, a narrator guides the audience through this story taken from Genesis as Jacob gives Joseph a multi-

colored coat. Jacob's favoritism of Joseph causes his other sons to become jealous. Through a song called "Joseph's Dreams," Joseph heightens his brothers' hate when he tells them his dreams reveal he is destined for greatness.

As his brothers' hate escalates, they scheme to kill him but eventually sell him into slavery where his skill at interpreting dreams becomes widely known.

In keeping with the biblical plot, Joseph is called upon to interpret the Pharaoh's troubling dreams. Lively and imaginative, Joseph describes the portrayal of Pharaoh as an Elvis Presley impersonator. When Pharaoh summons Joseph to interpret his dreams, the audience will be in for a treat as the song "Pharaoh's Story" is done in classic Elvis style.

Of course, Joseph interprets the Pharaoh's dreams and becomes his second in command during Egypt's feast-and-famine years. It is during the famine that his dream of being reunited with his family comes true.

This year's cast numbers almost 100, and draws people from Troy, Elba, Enterprise, Ozark, Montgomery, Laverne, and Pine Level. The cast includes a children's choir more than 50 voices strong. Among those participating from Elba are Art Williams, who is playing the role of Levi, one of Joseph's brothers, and Tim Jay, Laura Brown of Zion Chapel will be a feature dancer.

Tickets for the Troy performance will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children; and \$9 for adults and \$6 for children for the Montgomery performance.

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Chestnut Grove Methodist Church To Observe Homecoming

The Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will observe Homecoming, Sunday, July 10, 1994. District Supervisor Dr. Walter Ellis will deliver the message at the 11:00 morning worship service. Lunch will be served at noon.

On Monday evening, July 11, revival services will begin. The guest speaker will be Rev. John Belcher. Services will be through Wednesday, July 13.

Everyone is welcome. Rev. Douglas Golden is the minister at Chestnut Grove.

Basin Baptist Church to have Vacation Bible School July 10-14

Vacation Bible School will be held at Basin Baptist Church July 10-14, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information call 897-6929.

Mt. Gilead Baptist has new guidelines for church cemetery

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church has established new guidelines for the cemetery. This includes a \$250.00 fee for each new grave site. The increase is already in effect.

Members of the cemetery committee explained the increase was due to the ever increasing cost for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Cemetery committee members have already notified all funeral directors in the local area of this required grave site fee. Prior approval from a member of the Cemetery Committee must be obtained prior to preparation of a grave site.

For more information contact Wyndell Collier at 347-3806; Clinton McDaniel at 347-1942 or Larry Grimm at 393-2075.

Brian Free and Assurance to be in concert at Springhill Emmanuel Holiness Church

Springhill Emmanuel Holiness Church proudly presents Brian Free and Assurance in concert July 21, 1994, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Springhill Emmanuel Holiness Church is located 1 1/2 miles south of Ward's Grocery on Highway 167 at Springhill. There will be no admission charge. A love offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this gospel concert. For more information, call Rev. William Kirkland, pastor, at (205) 566-9438.

Bluff Springs to hold Homecoming July 10

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will observe Homecoming on Sunday, July 10, 1994. The congregation invites everyone to attend the 11:00 a.m. service in which Rev. J. J. Hataway will bring the Homecoming message.

After the noon meal, the Singing Messengers from Troy, Ala. will worship with songs of praise. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN
THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WED. AT 11:45

HOUSE OF TRUTH - WELB 1350 AM - 1:30-2:00 PM - Sun. - Rev. Jim Rodgers

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ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. John W. McCrummen

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening - 7:00 p.m.
Training Union - 5:30 p.m.
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BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Johnny Padellaro

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. L. Hill

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
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Sun. Evening - 7:00 p.m.
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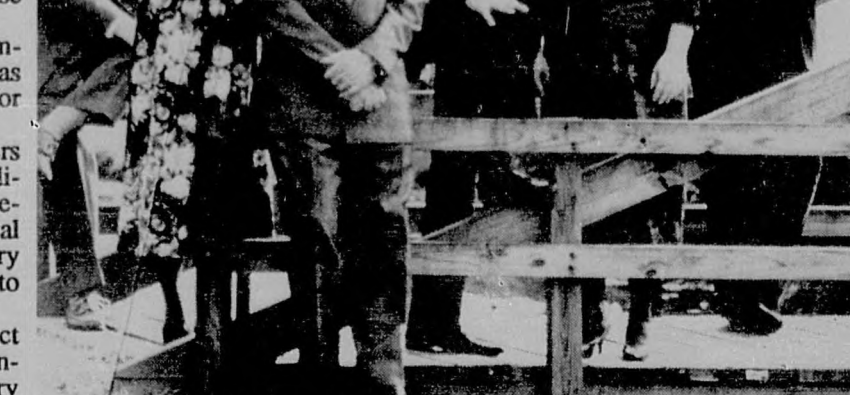
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PASTOR'S CORNER

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Whitewater Baptist Church

On Monday we celebrated Independence Day, the 218th birthday of our country. It is good to live in a country that is free from the rule of another nation; to be able to formulate our own laws and type of government and have the freedom to pursue happiness in life. All of this sounds good, and is good to a point. However, man and government can only provide so much freedom and happiness. I am fully convinced that there is a way in which we can have true freedom and happiness. Let me explain.

Jesus said on one occasion, "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) To have real rest means that we are happy and free. Jesus said that He would give us this rest if we would come to Him. If we desire real rest then we need to make the choice to come to Jesus Christ. Don't put it off, don't be afraid because Jesus did invite us to come to Him. As we enjoy the independence of our nation remember to depend on Jesus Christ for real freedom. See you in church Sunday!



THE MASHBURNS will be singing at Love's Way Church on Sunday, July 10, 1994 beginning at 2:00 p.m. "The Mashburns" are from Odenville, Alabama and are a family that sing Southern gospel music, with dedication to serving the Lord with ministry through song. They have had numerous single releases which have charted nationally. Their single "Where The Roses Never Fade" climbed to #10 and was #22 position in the "Top 40 Songs for 1993."

Make plans to come and enjoy this Sunday afternoon singing on July 10th at 2:00, with the congregation of Love's Way Church. The church is located 3 miles West of Enterprise on Highway 134 (Damasco Road). For more information, call (205) 393-2427.

Bethlehem Cemetery fence fund set up

An account has been set up at the South Trust Bank of Elba for the Bethlehem Cemetery Fence Fund. If you have friends or loved ones buried in this cemetery and are interested in donating to the fund, please contact Otha Farris at 897-5361.

Shiloh Cemetery Fund Set up

Anyone having loved ones buried at Shiloh and would like to help the cemetery fund, please send donations to Randall Sasser, 1080 Garrett St., Elba, AL 36323.

Revival to be held at New Ebenezer July 10-15

Revival services for New Ebenezer Baptist Church will be held July 10-15, 1994 with services beginning at 7:00 each night. Rev. Ben Cooper will be the speaker.

The church is located in the Curtis Community. Bro. Allen Liven, pastor, and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

Garrett St., Elba, AL 36323.

Miscellaneous Notes

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kelley of Alex City, Alabama and Lake Martin, AL, visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen Abercrombie on Thursday, June 30. Mr. Kelley is recuperating from colon cancer.

Ms. Doris Mallory has returned home from a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mallory and Georgia and Cleve from Prattville, AL. The highlight of the trip was a tour of Oryland and dinner on the General Jackson boat in Nashville, Tennessee. They visited other points of interest while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Abercrombie, Jr. and Mrs. Sammy Boswell, Jr. visited the Scroggins and Boswells in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida last Tuesday and Wednesday. They also visited Destin and Freeport, FL.

New Jerusalem COGIC to be in Revival July 11-15

New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ, Enterprise, AL, will be in revival services July 11 - 15, 1994. Elder Larry Anderson of Florence, AL, will be the speaker for the week. Reverend Waymon Pryor is pastor of New Jerusalem.

Shiloh Baptist Church to host Bible School July 11-15

Bible school will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church beginning July 11, 1994 and continuing through July 15, 1994. Classes will be from 6:30 to 8:00 each night. The church is located just off the Kinston Highway.

Mustard Seed Senior Citizens Hold Weekly Meeting

by Margaret Bartlett
The Senior Citizens of the Mustard Seed Foundation, Victoria Community, met for their weekly meeting. Those present were: Zealton and Evelyn Smith; Walter Sheets; Wallace and Mary Seavey; Mattie Lou Wambles; Mattie Lou Goodson; Louise Wambles; Pauline Wood and Myrtle Hudson were both in the hospital and are recovering at home.

Beginning Sunday, July 10, continuing until Tuesday, July 12, Donna Henderson, an evangelist each night at 7:00.

A gospel singing will be held Saturday, July 16, at 7:00 featuring the Light House Group. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening services begin at 6:00. Everyone is welcomed to all events at this non-denominational church. For further details contact Rev. Mary Seavey at 347-4630. The Mustard Seed Foundation is located on county road 211, two miles from Victoria.

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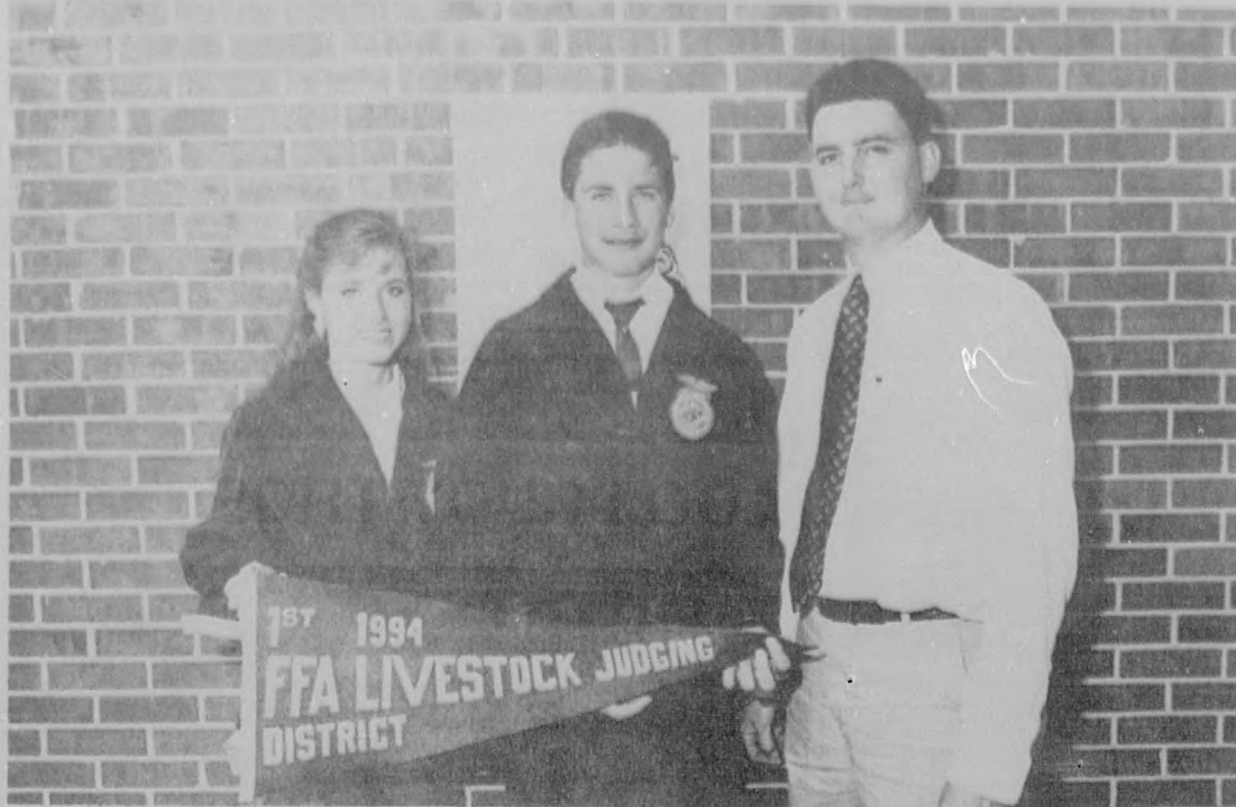
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FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNER... The Elba High School FFA Livestock Judging Team won first place during the recent Southeast District Eliminations held in Troy on April 29. Members of this award-winning team are Robyn Rhoades, Matthew Farris, Charles Bozeman, and Bo Boyd. Pictured above are (l to r) Robyn Rhoades, Matthew Farris, and FFA advisor and agribusiness education instructor at Elba High School, Brian Heaton. For their efforts, the team won a chapter banner and cash award. This team advanced to state-level competition.



FFA QUARTET WINNER... The Elba FFA Quartet won second place during the recent Southeast District Eliminations held in Troy on April 29. Members of this award-winning quartet are (l to r) Eric Cox, Melissa Hall, Ashley Savell, and Amanda Calhoun. Also pictured is FFA advisor and agribusiness education instructor at Elba High School, Brian Heaton. For their efforts the team won a chapter banner and cash award.

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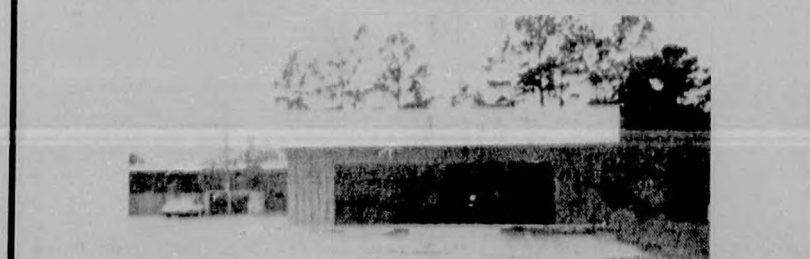
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Classic herbicide use on peanuts

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The following points should be considered and observed before using Classic on peanuts:

1. Make only one (1) application of Classic at the rate of 0.5 ounce of product per acre. Add a non-ionic surfactant to the Classic spray mix at the rate of 1 qt. per 100 gallons.
2. Classic application can be made 60 to 100 days after peanut emergence. At 60 days under ideal environment conditions peanuts should be lapping. You want good vegetative growth on your peanuts before spraying. Classic gives a growth reduction. It turns the peanuts yellow and for 7-10 days there will be no flowers. So be sure you have some good vine growth before spraying. If your peanuts are under drought stress you may want to hold up on spraying the Classic. When sprayed at the correct time, even though there are no flowers for 7-10 days, research has not shown Classic to affect the overall yield or grade of the peanuts when sprayed at the appropriate time.
3. Good control of Florida beggarweed (less than 10 inches tall) can be expected. If beggarweeds are taller than 10 inches or if they are flowering, then only partial control or suppression will result. Classic will control other small weeds such as sicklepod and cocklebur.
4. Classic is now labeled for use on Southernrunner Peanuts but you need to be careful that your Southernrunner Peanuts have pegged down good before spraying. You should wait at least 75-80 days after ground cracking.
5. Make application with ground equipment only. It can be tank mixed with Butavone and Bravo formulations except sulfur containing formulations. Do not use sulfur crop oil with any mixture of Classic. Make application in a minimum of 15 gallons of spray solution per acre.
6. Before making a Classic application, review the recropping interval for planting subsequent crops. With small grains there is a 3 month interval and an 8 months interval with corn. If you spray Classic, for example, on July 15 wait until October 15 to plant your small grains and March 15 on your corn. Do not ignore these recropping restrictions, unless you want to risk not getting a stand. Some growers have tried to fudge these restrictions and have suffered poor stands. This is certainly a big factor to consider before using Classic.
7. Classic is recommended to be sprayed with flat fan nozzles at 40 psi, but when using Bravo go ahead and spray with your regular Bravo spray equipment at 80 psi.
8. For a little extra control and to help with bristly sturbar you can add 2 lbs. of Feed Grade Urea or Ammonium Sulfate per acre of application. Also, the addition of silicone type surfactant has been shown to reduce growth.
9. Classic is a slow kill herbicide. Expect 7-10 days before you start to see results.
10. Cloudy weather is not a problem on spraying Classic.

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Other sponsors that have committed to the show thus far are Tom Casaday, Century 21 Realty; Mr. Dwight Holley, New Brockton; Kelly's Meats, Elba; Windham Lumber Company, Elba; Mr. Wildon Bryan, Elba; Enterprise Packing Company, Enterprise; Lynn Baxley, State Farm Insurance; Enterprise; Covington Electric Cooperative; Andalusia; Walden Limousin Cattle Company, Enterprise; Ms. Lucille Larkins, Elba; Sammy Dennis, Enterprise; Coffee County Bank; Citizens Bank; First Alabama Bank; Coffee County Farmers' Federation; Coffee County Cattlemen's Association; Enterprise Speed Shop. Thanks to all these sponsors that will make this show possible.

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Card Of Thanks

To everyone,
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Lois Reeves Woodham, age 80 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, July 4, 1994 in a Luverne, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Frank Wells and Rev. Martin Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Peaceful Acres Cemetery, Opp, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include her husband, Edward J. Woodham of Elba, AL; a sister, Bernice Sharpless of Elba, AL; several nieces and nephews.

Card Of Thanks

LEONORA KENNETT'S family expresses thanks and appreciation for the prayers and kindness during her extensive illness and for the thoughtfulness and support during her bereavement.

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Broadman Comments

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mr. J.D. Carpenter, Mr. John Coleman, Mr. Paul Jones, Mrs. Gladys Minney, Mrs. Virginia McGowan, and Mrs. Mary E. Helley.

Mulberry Baptist Sunday School & Training Union

The annual session of the Mulberry Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held at the Mulberry Baptist Educational Building, located on Hwy. 166, Elba, AL. The session will be held Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, with both beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The officers are Dr. John L. Gray, president; Rev. Wendell Williams, vice president; Eria M. Belcher, secretary; Dorothy Tillis, corresponding secretary; Willie C. Tillis, treasurer; Rev. J. Grooms, dean; Rev. A. R. Williams, director; Joyce J. Coleman, youth director; Dr. J. G. Hammon, moderator.

On Friday, July 15, sermons will be given by: Rev. John Ford, Rev. John Lawrence, and Rev. C. Feigan.

On Friday, July 16, sermons will be given by: Rev. W. M. Higgins and Rev. William Headd. Bible class instructors will be: Class #1-2 Rev. J. G. Chammon, superintendent; directors, and men: Class #3 Sis. Mary A. Hooks, women; Class #4 Sis. Juanita Scott, young adults; Class #5 Sis. Barbara Tillis, Sis. Leslie R. Davis, intermediate, primaries, and juniors.

All churches are asked to send their youth to participate in the activities of the congress.

July Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

July 7: Bobby and Evelyn Gulley; July 7: wedding anniversary; Evelyn Gulley; July 8: Lydia Kelley and Kenya A. Martin; July 10: Curtis Kelley and Rita Hardwick; July 13: Brandy Kelley; July 17: Michelle Carpenter and Melvin Cross; July 21: Brice Phillips; July 26.

Mr. Lynn Caldwell of Clewiston, FL, Mattie Bates, Glennie L. Murray, and Keith Murray, all of FL, Lauderdale, FL, Osman, Dominique, and Sarita Williams, all of Jacksonville, FL were visitors in Opp, Alabama for the Wilkerson Family Reunion on July 4, 1994. They also visited Mrs. Katie B. Brooks and Mrs. Ophelia Wilkerson Frazier of Opp, AL and Grover and Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba, AL.

Mr. Johnny Swopes of Prichard, AL was the guest of Wiley and Juanita B. Brooks of Enterprise, AL for the holiday week-end (July 4). Johnny, Wiley and Juanita were classmates at Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. Johnny also visited Grover and Eria Belcher and Ernestine Kelley and family, all of Elba, AL.

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Views from The Pressbox By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We bought Melanie a small swimming pool for the front yard last week, and while the pool has certainly solved her problem about being bored, it has created a new problem - how to get her out of the pool and back in the house! Melanie wants to stay in the pool all the time and wants someone to sit outside so she can demonstrate her new dives and little tricks, and also wants to stay in her swimming suit all the time. The pool has caused some minor problems; however, Melanie is no longer afraid of putting her face underwater and she is having loads of fun. It may be the cheapest form of entertainment we'll find this summer.

ALL-STAR PARENTS SHOULD SUPPORT TEAMS

The Elba All-Star teams will all be in action this week across the area and everyone who supports sports in Elba needs to make plans to go out and watch at least one game involving one of the three teams. There is a lot of pressure on a youngster when he makes it to the All-Star tournament and it takes a lot of courage to compete against players from other cities, in front of strange fans. The players deserve the support of the Elba fans and the cheers from the Elba supporters could actually make the difference in a close game. Come on out and cheer for the players, they deserve it!

Parents should also support the coaches and their decisions, and not yell at the volunteer coaches that are doing what they think is best. I was at a tournament over the weekend and heard some parents second-guess every decision the coaches made, not simply among themselves, but at the top of their lungs for everyone, including the players, to hear. It got so bad that between innings one of the coaches went in the stands and asked one parent to please stop his criticism and support the team. The team involved had the best team on the field, but the team had fallen behind early in the game and the parents were frustrated. The coaches are in charge of the team and also deserve the support of the parents, whether they are right or wrong. A good coach will listen to a parent that wants to help, if addressed in the right way, but when a parent yells from the stands and questions the coaches, many times the players begin to doubt what the coaches are saying. When that happens, there is no way the coaches can be effective.

Please come out and support the players and coaches in the various All-Star tournaments, but make the support obvious and always remember to cheer, and not jeer!

COACHING RUMORS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE

One of the hottest topics whenever sports fans get together this time of the year is what coach is going where. That is certainly true again this summer, and while some of the rumors aren't even worth repeating, some are fun to listen to. Here are a few...

***Friends in Coffee Springs are excited and convinced that their next head basketball coach will be Curtis Lane. Coach Lane has proven himself as a winner at both Samson and Elba, and with loads of talent coming up at Coffee Springs, the Golden Bears and their fans are convinced that the arrival of Coach Lane could insure huge success in basketball.

***Things are quiet in Elba; however, the head basketball job is apparently there for Danny Weeks to accept, or refuse. Coach Weeks did an outstanding job with the Elba B team the past two years and was also successful in Samson as a head coach in the late 80's. There is no question that Coach Weeks can do the job, the question is whether or not he wants to get back in the pressure cooker that goes with head coaching.

***Things are also mighty quiet over in New Brockton where Coach Bobby Kinsaul resigned after fifteen years at the helm of the Gamecock basketball program. It was rumored early on that Curtis Lane was the choice for the job, but now he is apparently headed for Coffee Springs, and the folks in Brockton are wondering what is going to happen. I talked with a returning player last week that was concerned about the vacancy, and I look for school officials to speed up the search in days to come. Who will it be? No idea!

ON THE GRILL, ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***Patrick Ewing and the rest of the New York Knicks had better be glad that they don't play for the Columbia Knicks, or they all may be without a job, or a life. The murder of Columbian soccer star Andre Escobar over the weekend made it clear that many sports fans take their "games" too seriously and that perhaps the sports world has placed too great an emphasis on winning and losing. I know that all sports fans don't go out and murder a player when he doesn't play well, but when millions of dollars are bet on sporting events and fans become addicted to the success of their teams, things like the murder can and will happen.

***I got a chance to watch some of the preliminary hearing for O.J. Simpson last week and will have to admit that it was all very interesting. I have my own opinions of Simpson's guilt or innocence; however, the televised hearing has put the judge and lawyers on stage and they are making the most of the chance. It at times seems more like fiction than fact.

***I could care less if Darryl Strawberry or Dwight Gooden ever play major league baseball again. The former standout admitted that he had abused drugs and alcohol for the past nine years, but now is completely clean and ready to resume his career, while Gooden failed one of his mandatory drug tests and was suspended. Let Strawberry come back, let Gooden serve his time and let the players go on strike, some of us may not miss any of the above.

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Dixie Minor Tournament set for Elba's Legion Field

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars will play host to the 1994 Sub-District Baseball Tournament beginning July 8, at Legion Field.

The tournament will be a double-elimination event using Dixie Youth brackets and will continue through July 14.

Elba will serve as the host team in the annual tournament, with other teams competing including Greenville Nationals, Greenville Americans, Highland Home, Luverne and Brundidge.

The tournament will swing into action Friday afternoon at 4:00, when Brundidge meets the Greenville Nationals, to be followed at 6:00 with the battle between the Greenville Americans and Luverne. Elba will close out the opening day's action at 8:00 when it meets Highland Home.

Two games will be played each night the remainder of the tournament, with games on Saturday set for 6:00, between the loser of the Brundidge-Greenville National game and the loser of the Greenville American-Luverne contest. The 8:00 game will find the winner of the Brundidge-Greenville National game meeting the winner of the Luverne-Greenville American game.

The winner of the Elba-Highland Home game will return to action at 8:00 on Monday night and will oppose the winner of the Saturday night winner's bracket game, while the 6:00 game Monday night will find the Elba-Highland Home loser meeting the winner of Saturday's 6:00 battle.

Games on Tuesday will be held at 6:00 and 8:00, while games on Wednesday and Thursday will begin at 7:00.

Greenville won the sub-district title in 1992 and has been a power since entering the Dixie Minor competition, while Luverne has made big noise since joining the ranks only three years ago. Brundidge has emerged in recent years as a team to watch, as has Highland Home, which is competitive despite being one of the smaller leagues in the sub-district.

Babe Ruth State

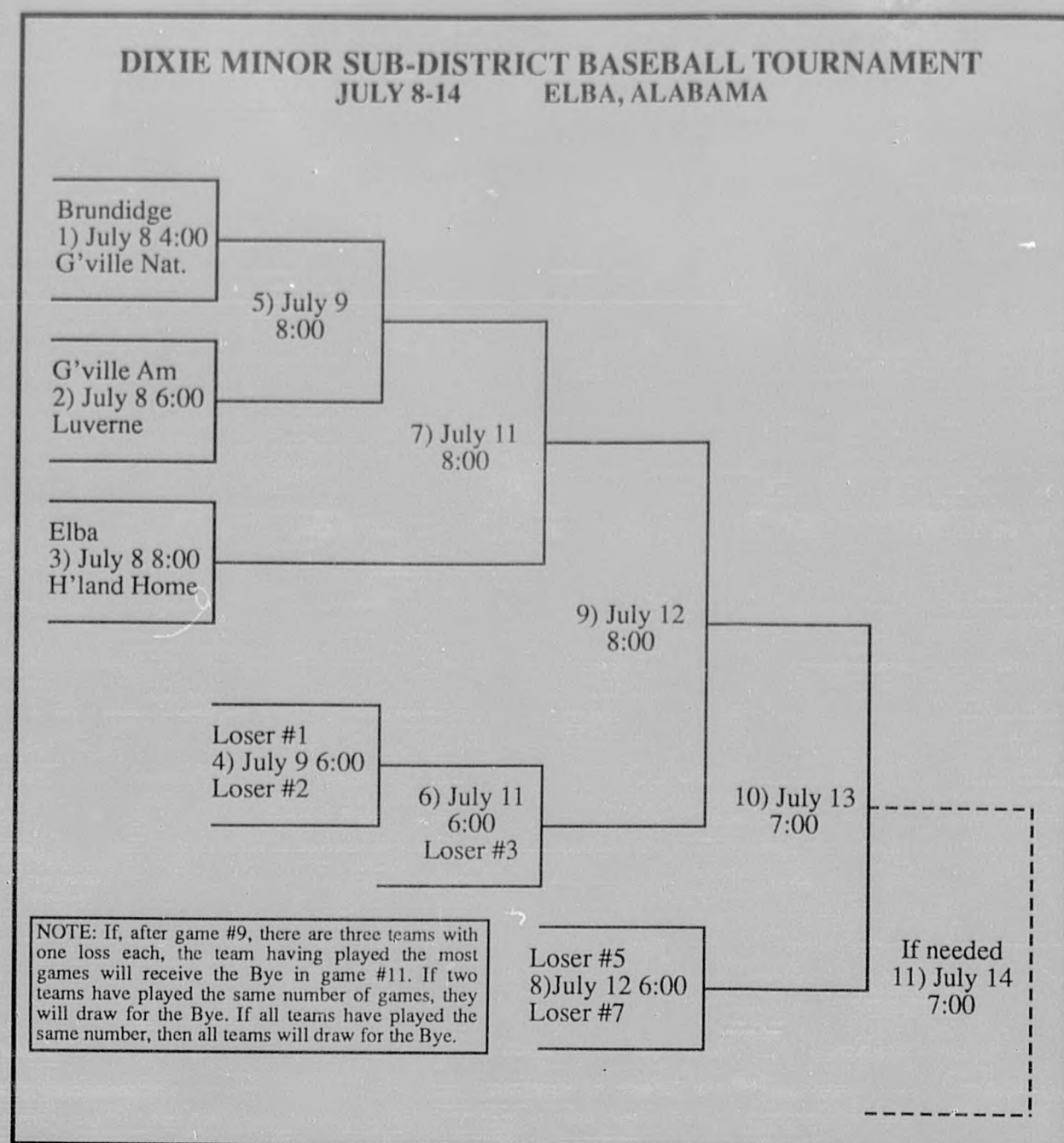
Tourney set this week at Grand Bay

The Alabama 13-Year-Old State Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament is set to swing into action tonight (Thursday) at Grand Bay, Alabama.

Opening round games will find Central Baldwin meeting Smith Station at 3:30, Mobile Municipal meeting Satsuma at 5:30 and Grand Bay meeting Opp at 8:00.

Games Friday will find West Alabama opposing the Grand Bay-Opp winner at 3:30, to be followed by a winner's bracket game at 5:30 and a loser's bracket elimination game at 7:30.

Three games will also be held on Saturday at 5:30, 5:30 and 7:30, with games on Sunday scheduled for 5:30 and 8:00. The championship game will be held at 4:00 on Monday, with the if-necessary game at 6:30.



The Elba All-Stars have never won a sub-district crown in Dixie Minor; however, the Stars did finish second a year ago and coaches and fans are confident that this year's team has a chance to advance on to district competition.

Members of the All-Stars include Kyle English, Patrick Oglesby, Ryan Kinsaul, Job Bowers, Adam Prede-

rick, Randy Danford, Randall Brunson, Michael Bryan, Aaron Baxley, Bart Barnes, Justin Allen, Brandon Petty and Marcus Henderson.



STARBURSTS WIN 10 & UNDER GIRLS SOFTBALL CROWN IN ELBA... The Starburst softball team lost only two games during the 1994 season to claim the championship of the Elba 10 & Under Girls Softball League. Pictured are team members (kneeling, l-r) Chelsea Cooper, Rachel Grimes, Katie Crowe, Ashley Harrison, LaShawn Robinson, Samantha Williams, Heather Hudson, (standing, l-r) Deann Smith, Aubretta Williams, Dessie Hamlet, Carey Copeland, Jami Hall, Megan Parrish, Casey Skinner and Kerry Lawford. Coaches (standing in back) were head coach Michelle Cooper, Sandra Skinner and Susan Lawford. In winning the league, Coach Cooper earned the right to manage the All-Star team at the District Tournament.

District Babe Ruth tourney at Brundidge

The District 8 13-15 Year-Old Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament is being held this week in Brundidge, with games set to continue through Friday night at the Brundidge Recreation Complex.

Teams competing in the double-elimination tournament include Elba, Opp, Andalusia and Brundidge. One game is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 7:00, in the losers bracket, with the finals set for Friday night at 5:30 and 8:00.

Horse Show set for

July 9 at Brewton

The Circle T Arena and Saddle Club will host a Horse Show on Saturday, July 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The arena is located in Brewton, Alabama, and a total of 26 events are on the schedule, with "Jackpot Barrels" to begin at 9:00.

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At Dixie Youth Tournament

Elba All-Stars to compete in Enterprise

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will wrap up practice this weekend and will carry high hopes with them next week when they travel to Enterprise to compete in the sub-district tournament.

The dates of the tournament were moved back due to conflicts with rules concerning practice, and the double-elimination event is now set for the dates of July 11-16.

Teams competing for the right to advance on to district competition will include Elba, Enterprise Nationals, Hartford, Samson, Geneva

and the Enterprise Americans.

The annual tournament will begin on Monday afternoon, July 11, when Samson tangles with Geneva, to be followed at 6:30 with the battle between Elba and the Enterprise Americans. The Enterprise Nationals will take the field at 8:00 when they meet Hartford.

The loser of the Enterprise National-Hartford game will meet the loser of the Samson-Geneva game at 6:00, while at 8:00 the winner of the Enterprise National-Hartford game will oppose the winner of the Sam-

son-Geneva contest.

Action on Wednesday will find the winner of Tuesday's 8:00 game opposing the winner of the Elba-Enterprise American game at 8:00, to be preceded at 6:00 by the game between the loser of the Elba-Enterprise American game and the winner of Tuesday's 6:00 contest.

Games will be played at 6:00 and 8:00 on Wednesday and Thursday, while games on Friday and Saturday will be held at 7:00.

Elba will find itself in unfamiliar territory when it enters the tourney, since the local All-Stars have been competing in another sub-district for the past twenty years. Geneva has dominated Dixie Youth action for the past three years and are considered the team to beat in the six-team event, while the two Enterprise teams and Elba are also considered favorites. Hartford and Samson are smaller leagues, but both are capable of pulling off upsets.

Members of the All-Stars include Brandon Salter, Josh Lewis, Ashley Paul, Charlie Moore, Pat Harrison, Danny Toole, Jason McKenzie, Kellen Cole, Jason Carradine, Dustin Stinson, Jay Dubose, Jerry Dubose and Josh Lawford.

The tournament will be held at the Enterprise Dixie Youth field located behind the Enterprise Recreation Center, on the road that fronts the Enterprise Hospital.

Admission will be \$2 adults and \$1 students.

Funding needed for area players to compete at AAU nationals

The "Team Alabama" basketball team recently won the AAU state championship and will be headed to the national tournament on July 27, in Cocoa Beach, Florida, with three area basketball standouts.

Elba's David Yelverton will make the trip to the national event, as will Brantley standouts Derek Caldwell and Adrian Persons.

"This event," stated Coach Drew Bass, an assistant coach at L.B. Wal-

ton Junior College, "is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these young men and it will give them a chance to be seen by a large number of college scouts."

The team will need financial support to make the 10-day trip to the national tournament, and anyone wishing to help should contact Coach Bass at 382-5920 or 382-6740.

Bo Boyd wins state award in beef production

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Bo is also heavily involved in the 4-H livestock judging program having been a member of the State winning team in 1992 that represented Alabama at the National in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also, since the age of eight, been involved in the 4-H steer show program. He has won numerous Showmanship and State titles showing his steers at local and area beef cattle shows.

In all his 4-H endeavors, the one award that Bo had not won was the State Record Book Competition. He now has accomplished that goal and will be a member of the Alabama delegation that will spend time in Orlando, Florida as part of the National Event for winning this award.

Bo, like so many of our young people involved in 4-H, is extremely well-rounded. Not only is he a member of 4-H and helps his father on their farm, he also is a member of the Elba High School football team, very involved in his church youth group, and serves in many leadership roles in various activities around the county. He is also very active in the school's FFA program and student government.

Congratulations to Bo Boyd on winning the State Record Book Competition in beef cattle production in the plant and animal division. He placed first out of a field of over twenty.

The Boys' farm is mainly a purchased Simmental operation that stretches from New Brockton to Fairview back to Elba and up Highway 84 back to New Brockton. They employ many modern practices such as artificial insemination, pregnancy testing, bull testing on Auburn University tests and many other modern

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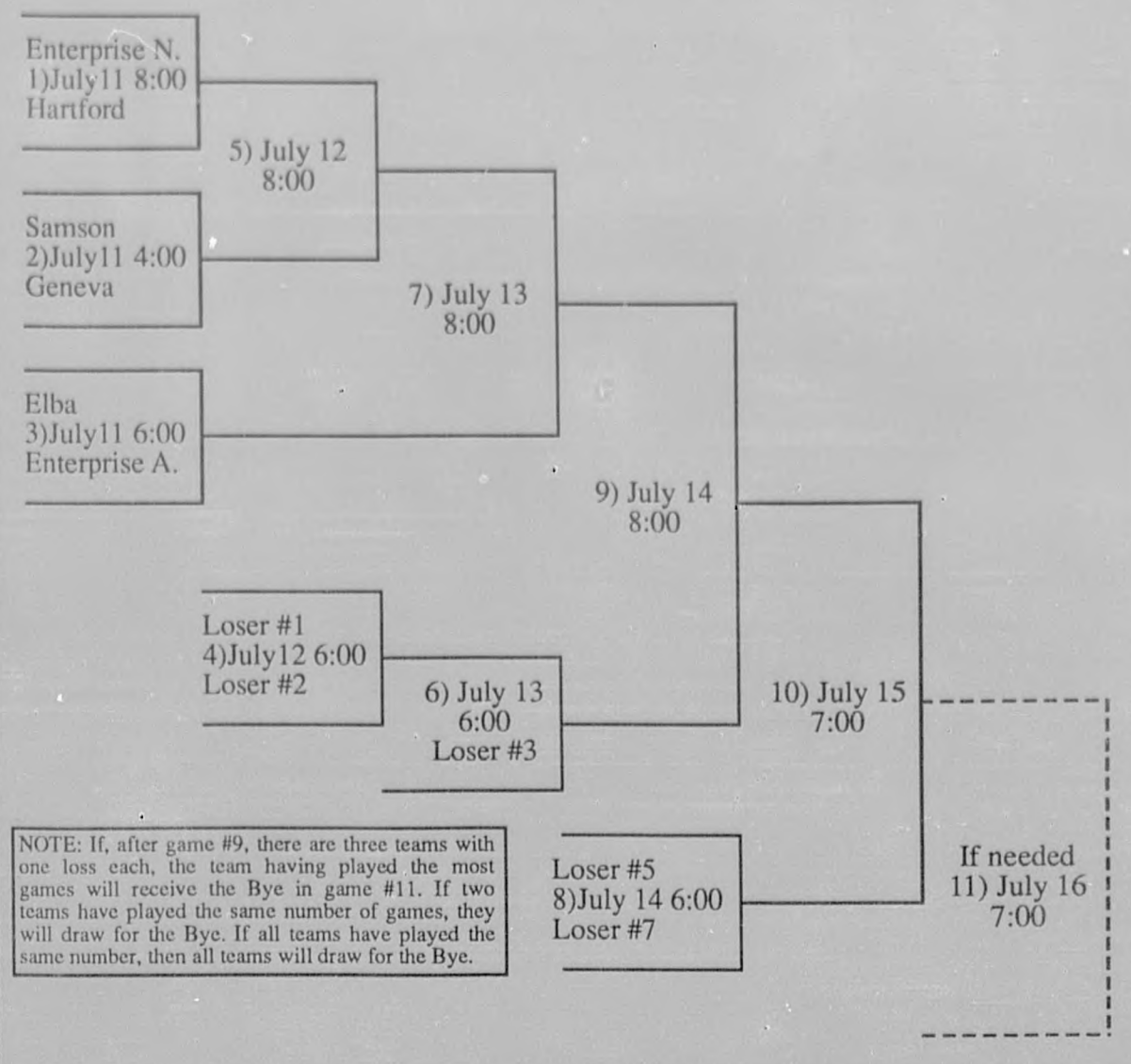
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45 member courses around the state, with the free round including the requirement of cart rental. Members also receive opportunities to participate in GAA tournaments, a personalized GAA golf tag and a subscription to "The Alabama Golfer," a quarterly newsletter which includes features and information about golf and golfers in Alabama.

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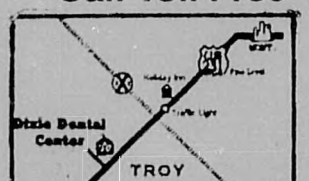
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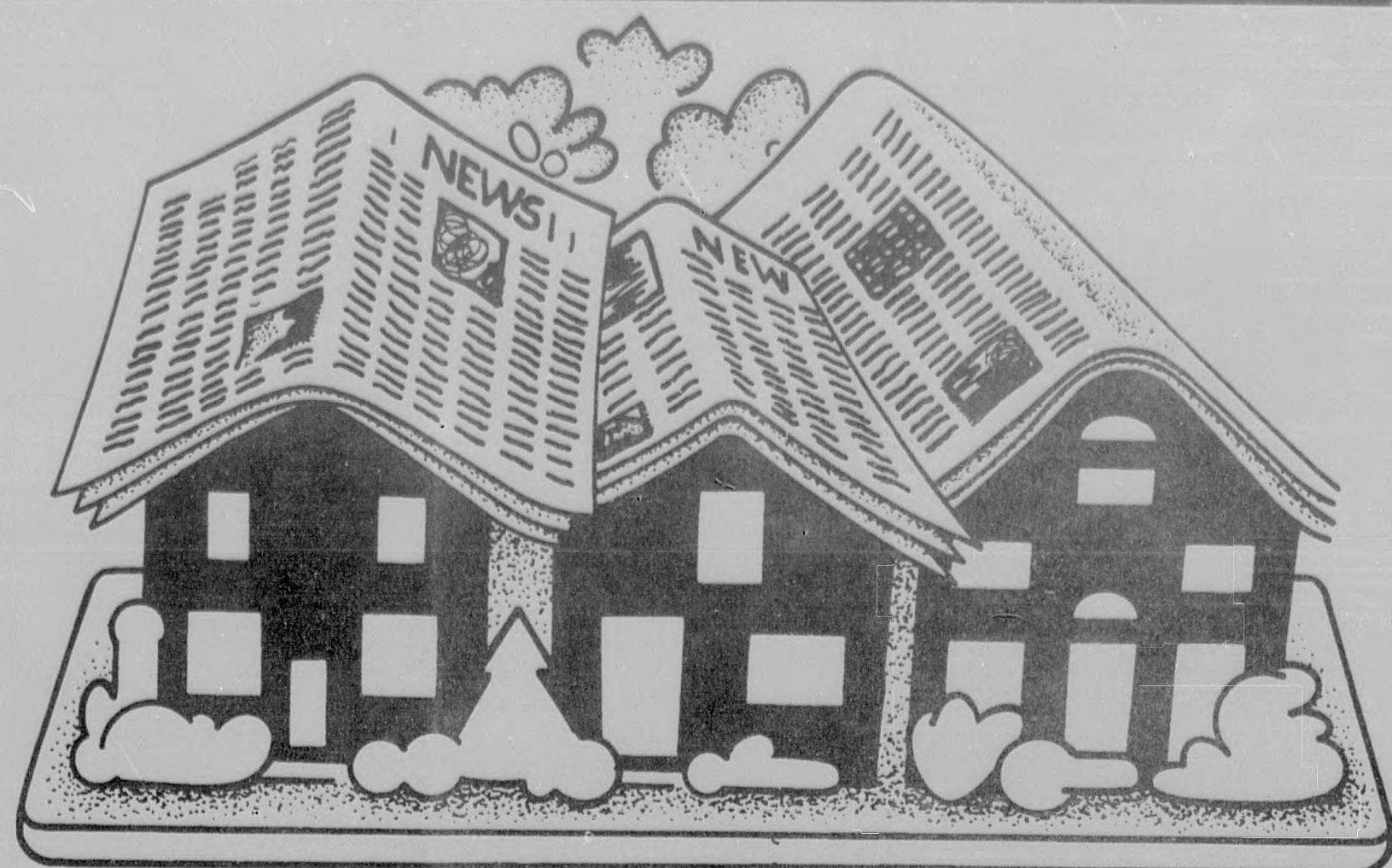
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FLOOD OF 1994 BAD BUT NOT AS BAD AS MARCH 1990 FLOOD

Elba residents battle Pea River's flood waters again

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

On Wednesday of last week, July 6th, as the presses rolled on that week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*, the news it contained was "old hat."

A picture on the front page made note of the damage that Tropical Storm Alberto had caused as it moved through our area on Sunday, July 3rd.

Little did everyone know that the worst was yet to come. It was thought that Alberto was on its way north - NOT! The unique weather conditions that existed at the time caused the tropical depression to stall over the southeast (East Alabama & West Georgia) and the rains came and stayed.

The end result was the Flood of 1994. For the City of Elba, this flood was not as bad - damage wise - as the March of 1990 Flood. Although to those whose homes were flooded there was little difference - a flood is a flood.

At 6:36 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 6th, the Pea River flowed lazily through Elba well within its banks at 15.46 feet but that soon changed.

With rain coming down steadily in Elba, and to the north as well, the Pea River took a major step upward and rose to 23.35 feet at 8:30 a.m.

Not only was the river beginning to rise, but Whitewater Creek was also showing all-to-familiar signs of being on the rise too. For the city of Elba, this was not good!

Between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. the river had reached just over flood stage at 30.05 feet.

City officials had wasted no time in implementing evacuation plans for low lying areas outside the confines of the levee.

Residents on Smith Avenue and in the Riverview Subdivision were the first to be moved to safety since that is the first area to receive flooding from the Pea River and Whitewater Creek.

Tractors began pulling in trailers furnished by Dorsey Trailers and family members, assisted by volunteers, began loading their belongings in the vans. Many other companies in the area volunteered and brought in vans to be used in the evacuation process.

By mid-afternoon, the evacuation was well underway as the waters continued to rise. Before the river had cleared its banks most of the residents of Riverview and Smith Avenue had vacated their homes.

At 11:00 p.m., Wednesday night (July 6), the river reading was at 35.95 feet and continuing to rise. Not only was Elba bracing for a flood, but all of northern Coffee

County was being drenched by flood waters. Enterprise was also experiencing flash flooding in low lying areas of the city.

The entire southern portion of the county was also receiving extensive damage from the rising waters of branches, creeks and the river.

The police radios and local radio stations were continually reporting road closings and warning area residents to stay off the roads.

Residents in low lying areas were being instructed to seek shelter on higher ground.

Last Thursday morning at 12:30 a.m., the Pea River was more than 6 feet above flood stage at 36.65 feet.

The rise of the river slowed as it spread out into the low lands. At 1:51 a.m. the reading was 37.15, 3:34 a.m. it stood at 37.60, it was 37.85 at 4:59 a.m. and at 7:30 a.m., the reading was 38.15 feet.

Again, at 8:55 a.m. on Thursday morning, the river reading was 38.15 feet. The rise had stopped.

The river began to show a receding trend as the reading began to decrease at 10:16 a.m.

Officials began reading the river height on an hourly basis. Down it went: 11:30 a.m. - 38.00 feet; 1:30 p.m. - 37.95 feet; 3:00 p.m. - 37.85

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FLOOD GATES INSTALLED... on crooked bridge over Whitewater Creek. Timbers were first placed in the opening to fill the breach in the levee. Workers then placed sand bags on both sides of the barricade to prevent flood waters from seeping through the cracks in the timbers. The bridge accesses Smith Avenue from downtown Elba.

Damage heavy but not as great as March '90 Flood

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

According to Joe Clark, who is with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, there were less than 100 homes and businesses which were damaged by flood waters both inside and outside the levee.

The count included any house, mobile home or business that got any amount of water damage caused by flooding.

The greatest amount of damage

appeared to be in the Riverview Subdivision and on Smith Avenue. Both are located outside the levee in Northeast Elba and lay between the Pea River and Whitewater Creek.

There were some flooded homes located on the Kinston Highway and a couple in the Brookdale Subdivision located south of downtown and down river.

Several homes on S. Plant, S. Williams, Pryne, Garret, and Wayne Streets, located just off Reese Avenue, also received damage from flood waters.

Inside the levee there were several homes and some businesses that received damage as rainwater was unable to drain out of the levee. The majority of these were located on Putnam St., Guyton St., Hickman Ave., and Reese Avenue.

In the northern part of Elba along the Troy Highway, several houses and one business received damage from rising flood waters.

There were a few homes in the Mulberry Community that received water damage due to flash flooding and overflowing drainage systems.

Many of the businesses located in downtown Elba evacuated Wednesday and Thursday as a precautionary measure.

At press time, the survey was still underway; however, it was evident at this time that the flood damage was going to be considerably less

than in March of 1990.

Those who witnessed both the March 1990 Flood and the Flood of 1975 compared this one to the '75 Flood.

On Friday, President Bill Clinton declared seven counties in southeast Alabama as federal disaster areas, making them eligible to receive federal assistance. The counties were as follows: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston.

Gov. Jim Folsom, Congressman Terry Everett, and U. S. Senator Howell Heflin have all toured the flood-stricken areas.

They were accompanied by officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Farmers Home Administration.



HERE COMES PEA RIVER... down Smith Avenue. This is what the barricade in the picture above is supposed to keep out of downtown Elba. The pictures above were taken within minutes of each other and Pea River & Whitewater Creek were both on the rise.

PEA RIVER READINGS - 1994 FLOOD

JULY 6, 1994 (Wed.)
6:36 a.m.----15.46 Feet
8:30 a.m.----23.35 Feet
11:30 a.m.----26.95 Feet
12:38 p.m.----28.25 Feet
1:32 p.m.----29.10 Feet
2:37 p.m.----30.05 Feet*
3:27 p.m.----30.65 Feet
4:35 p.m.----31.60 Feet
5:18 p.m.----32.10 Feet
6:45 p.m.----33.10 Feet
8:15 p.m.----34.30 Feet
9:20 p.m.----35.00 Feet
11:00 p.m.----35.95 Feet

JULY 7, 1994 (Thu.)
12:30 a.m.----36.65 Feet
1:51 a.m.----37.15 Feet
3:34 a.m.----37.60 Feet
4:59 a.m.----37.85 Feet
6:00 a.m.----38.05 Feet
7:30 a.m.----38.15 Feet**
8:55 a.m.----38.15 Feet**
10:16 a.m.----38.10 Feet
11:30 a.m.----38.00 Feet
12:30 p.m.----38.05 Feet
1:30 p.m.----37.95 Feet
2:52 p.m.----37.90 Feet
3:00 p.m.----37.85 Feet
4:10 p.m.----37.70 Feet
5:45 p.m.----37.50 Feet
7:20 p.m.----37.30 Feet
9:05 p.m.----37.10 Feet
10:20 p.m.----36.80 Feet
11:19 p.m.----36.80 Feet

JULY 8, 1994 (Fri.)
12:00 a.m.----36.75 Feet
12:15 a.m.----36.66 Feet
12:35 a.m.----36.68 Feet
12:50 a.m.----36.60 Feet
1:11 a.m.----36.60 Feet
1:25 a.m.----36.60 Feet

1:51 a.m.----36.55 Feet
2:08 a.m.----36.48 Feet
2:21 a.m.----36.46 Feet
2:39 a.m.----36.41 Feet
3:31 a.m.----36.34 Feet
4:03 a.m.----36.28 Feet
5:12 a.m.----36.10 Feet
5:55 a.m.----36.05 Feet
7:00 a.m.----35.90 Feet
8:42 a.m.----35.75 Feet
11:30 a.m.----35.40 Feet
1:45 p.m.----35.05 Feet
3:27 p.m.----34.80 Feet
5:15 p.m.----34.50 Feet
7:00 p.m.----34.10 Feet
8:18 p.m.----33.90 Feet
9:43 p.m.----33.60 Feet
10:45 p.m.----33.40 Feet

JULY 9, 1994 (Sat.)
12:08 a.m.----33.10 Feet
1:45 a.m.----32.75 Feet
3:00 a.m.----32.50 Feet
6:30 a.m.----32.20 Feet
5:45 a.m.----31.95 Feet
6:06 a.m.----31.95 Feet
7:15 a.m.----31.65 Feet
11:13 a.m.----31.00 Feet
1:23 p.m.----29.65 Feet
10:15 p.m.----29.10 Feet

JULY 10, 1994 (Sun.)
6:08 a.m.----28.10 Feet
12:58 p.m.----27.25 Feet
4:59 p.m.----26.70 Feet

JULY 11, 1994 (Mon.)
6:00 a.m.----24.55 Feet
11:26 a.m.----23.45 Feet
6:41 p.m.----21.70 Feet

JULY 12, 1994 (Tue.)
6:15 a.m.----19.50 Feet

* FLOOD STAGE (30 FEET) ** CREST

FLOOD DAMAGE TO COUNTY POSSIBLY WORSE THAN IN 1990

Coffee County Commission focuses on Flood of 1994

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission focused on the aftermath of the Flood of 1994 and its devastation to the county and local communities.

Charlie Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, briefed the commissioners on what was being done to assist residents and cities in their recovery effort.

He stated that a processing center of the different governmental agencies had been set-up to give assistance to individual residents of the cities and county. The center is scheduled to remain open for three days but that time will be extended if it is necessary.

For the most part, Webb stated that the danger of flooding had passed but that everyone should be extremely careful when traveling county roads and city streets. Barricades SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED!

Commissioners were told that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) had not yet announced a date for a team to come and begin assessment of public damage - damage to roads, streets, drainage systems, bridges, public works facilities, etc.; however, Webb said that it should be soon.

"Our damage is extensive - much greater than I think in 1990," said Webb. "Certainly in the City of Enterprise its much, much greater than it was in 1990 and we've got a tremendous amount of damage around the county."

Webb encouraged the commissioners to contact all the county's public water systems and get them to assess their damage. They will be eligible for assistance from FEMA.

He is encouraging all residents of the county who have their own private well to have their water tested. Samples can be taken to the county health department for testing.

Webb told commissioners that engineers and rescue squads are helping in the clean-up process and that everything is moving along well.

It's going to be a long recovery period," Webb said in concluding his briefing.

Sheriff Mickey Counts, in his report to the commission, stated that he was very pleased with the response of his deputies and reserve deputies during this emergency which actually began on Sunday with his department.

He was very complimentary of the volunteer members of the fire departments and rescue squads throughout the county. Counts said that their assistance during this crisis was invaluable.

Counts also had high praise for Mark Pool and his staff for the effective manner in which they responded to his people in requesting that roads be closed.

"We still have a problem with people running around barricades," Counts said. "I'm going to be true to my word. If I catch anyone going around a barricade, I'm going to put them in jail!"

Barricades are in place for a reason and should not be ignored, moved or STOLEN!

In conclusion, the sheriff thanked everyone for their patience and assistance during this time.

Mark Pool, county engineer, began his report to the commissioners by stating that his staff had already taken more than 1,000 pictures of damage to the county's road system.

The bad news was that only the

100's and 200's (road numbers) roads had been surveyed. Remaining are the 300's, 400's, 500's, 600's and 700's.

He reported that as of Monday, the county still had 31 roads closed to traffic.

He warned commissioners that all damage to county roads will not be apparent.

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

STORY HOUR. The New Seasons Study Club will sponsor a story hour at the Elba Public Library on Thursdays, July 14, 21, & 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children, ages 3 through those who have completed kindergarten, are invited to attend.

WORKSHOP. A Think!! Write!! Workshop for interested students in grades 2-9 will be held at the Elba Elementary School on July 25 through July 29. Teachers may participate in the workshop also. The workshop will meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 12:00 noon. A fee of \$40 will be charged. For additional information call the Elba Elementary School @ 897-2814.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 1994. The meeting will be held at the county highway department building located in New Brockton.